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SUBJECT: KRIESKY URGES HIGH LEVEL US REPRESENTATION AT 29TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF STATE TREATY ON MAY 15

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM BUCHANAN

1. DURING MY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON CHANCELLOR KREISKY
AT NOON YESTERDAY HE SAID THAT HE STILL HAD NO WORD FROM THE
RUSSIANS AS TO WHETHER GROMYKO WOULD ATTEND THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY MAY 15
AND ASKED WHAT THE SITUATION WAS FROM THE U.S. SIDE. I
CONFIRMED TO THE CHANCELLOR THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR
THE SECRETARY TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION SINCE A STATE VISIT
HAD BEEN SET UP FOR THE SHAH ON THAT DATE.

2. KREISKY SAID HE STILL HAD HOPES THAT GROMYKO WOULD
ATTEND AND URGED ME TO SUPPORT AT LEAST CABINET LEVEL U.S.
REPRESENTATION IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR. HE ASKED ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION BY VICE PRESIDENT
ROCKEFELLER AND I AGREED TO PASS THE SUGGESTION ON. OF
COURSE, THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OPPOSITE NUMBER WOULD NORMALLY
BE KOSYGIN, BUT IF GROMYKO CAME THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD
BE THE RANKING VISITING OFFICIAL.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
TO HAVING THE VICE PRESIDENT COME TO THE MAY 15

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